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In re the Application of:

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 21, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.